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## ***Next Event: LVCC Swap Meet!***



*April 15, 2023  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Rain or Shine  
Details Inside!*

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## ***LVCC Swap Meet Coming Up!***

By the time you read this newsletter, our big swap meet will be coming right up! It's Saturday April 15 from 9 AM to 3 PM, rain or shine at John Egerton's farm.

The address is 2510 Community Drive, Bath, PA 18014. This is north of I-78 and south of I-80 and, depending on where you live, accessible from either highway.

The driveway leading into John & Barbara's place can be easy to miss, but the LVCC banner will be flying high for all to see. When you take the long driveway into the property, you'll see that it opens up and there's plenty of room - 16 acres - for parking and for staging your wares for sale.

No fees! There is no vendor charge for sellers and no admission charge for buyers. Sellers, there is no need to sign up, just show up! Buyers, there will be room to park and plenty of time to browse, buy, and socialize. This is an all-Corvair Swap Meet being conducted by and for Corvair enthusiasts.

Bring your Corvair parts and ephemera as well as your own tables/tarps/canopies/chairs.

Everyone, there will be refreshments available and chances to win in the 50-50 raffle (half the pot to the winner, half the pot to the LVCC treasury).

This is an outdoor event, rain or shine. We look forward to seeing you there! Check-out the flyer and map on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter.

### ***Keeping in touch***

Randy Kohler has signed the paperwork to reserve space for our Corvair Row at Das Awkscht Fescht again this year. He wrote, "I have to try and get away to a meeting, miss you guys too and think it is an awesome place for meetings. The oil business is always a challenge and with higher prices and lower temperatures it is never easy."

Bill Geary's Corsa coupe was the subject - perhaps victim - of our tech session last October. It's still not running right, mostly likely because all four carbs are ganged together as primaries. That's a lot of carb for idling around town! Whatever. Bill remains confident "it can all be taken care of". Bill also wrote, "My daughter just gave birth two days ago, so I'm helping her and my son-in-law at their home." Congratulations Bill!

Greg Cain reports that his Corsa coupe remains at the Corvair Ranch for an engine rebuild. Jeff sent an interim bill to Greg

about a month ago and indicated it would be a couple more months before the rebuild was completed. Apparently his machinist was out ill for a while and they got backed up, but Jeff described the current situation as "getting back on top of things."

Greg also wrote, "We bought a house with a two car garage so that both classics can be housed. (Greg's other classic is a VW bus). New address is 17 Cantera Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Still have the house in Bethlehem but that will get handed off to my youngest who graduates from East Stroudsburg in May and begins working as an ER nurse at St. Luke's Anderson campus this summer. Exciting times!"

Always creative, Bob King fabricated a fiberglass rear bumper for his Stinger replica. See the neat photo on the next page! He's also making good progress on refurbishing Bob Weideman's Corvan.

Fred Scherzer and Al Lacki have been dealing with the folks at Wells Fargo bank in an attempt to add Joan Lacki to the club's checking account. (Joan is our new treasurer). We attempted to comply with their demands for documentation, but after two go-arounds, we've determined that it would simply be easier to close out the account and establish a new one at another bank.

In late-breaking news, we've also heard that AACA has added Corvair Spyders and turbo Corsa to Judging Class 36B (factory high performance).

### ***Meeting notes***

These are the official minutes from the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club Membership Meeting held on March 18, 2023 at the America On Wheels Museum Allentown, PA

President Al Lacki called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. Ten members were in attendance. Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the prior meeting were approved as published in the FIFTH WHEEL newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was deferred due to the absence of the Treasurer. [Note, Treasurer Dick Weidner arrived shortly thereafter and was able to report no activity in the club account since the prior meeting.]

#### Old Business:

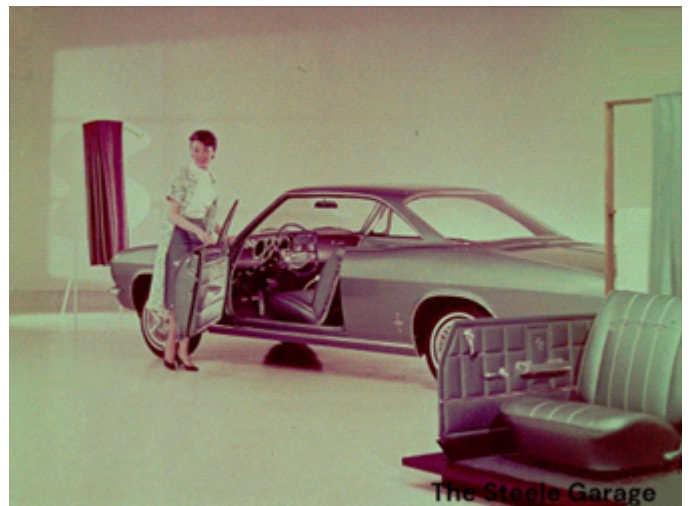
Details related to the upcoming Swap Meet were discussed.

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## ***Bob King's Poster Collection...***



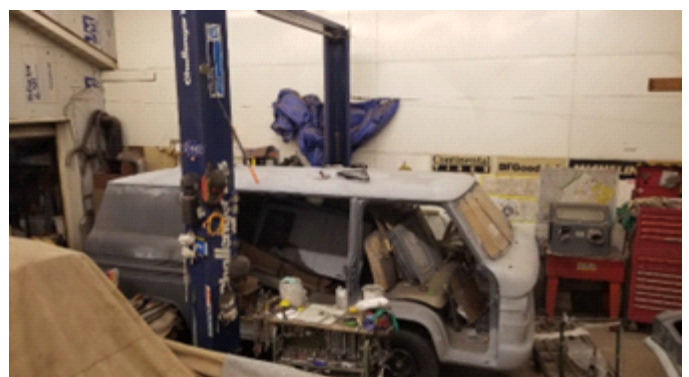
*The posters at the right, with the chalet and interior, are quite rare. Thank you Bob for sharing the photos!*



## ***...And Bob King's Workshop***



*Bob the master craftsman at work! Here is one of the fiberglass bumpers he made for his Singer.*



*Bob Weideman's Corvan, formerly owned by the late Dennis Weaver, at Sky King Automotive.*



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Among the items agreed to were procurement of food and beverages, plates, napkins and cutlery; signage; and the need to source a second grill.

#### New Business:

The President asked whether anyone has a laptop-compatible projector so that videos can be shown during future meetings. While Greg Dittrich has one and offered to lend it, Rich Greene noted that the museum has a large-screen TV that is computer-enabled and which should be available to the club.

Nominations were sought to fill the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. After nominations duly made and seconded, Bob Marlow was approved as Secretary and Joan Lacki was approved as Treasurer.

The draft revision of the club bylaws were discussed. It was determined that it remains necessary to remove some gender references and to clarify the membership status of spouses and other family members. An updated draft will be prepared and distributed to the members.

#### General:

New member Bill Dittrich was introduced. Bill is the father of fellow member Greg Dittrich, and spoke of his Corvairs and his other “oddball cars,” including an Amphicar and a Willys Jeepster.

An informal discussion of the members’ Corvairs and projects took place. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Marlow

### ***Paper newsletters update***

Beginning this month, we will no longer mail paper copies of the Fifth Wheel via U.S. Postal. Instead, we will distribute it only by email. Almost all of our members have an email address on-file with us so the transition should not be difficult.

Exceptions will be made only for our four members who either (1) do not have an active email account or (2) do not have a device suitable for viewing email attachments with small print like our newsletter. We will continue to send paper copies to them.

However, at some point, we would like to go email all the way. Please get yourself an email account if you don’t already have one. It only needs to be one at which you can receive the newsletter and other notifications. So it can be the email address of a spouse or other family member.

### ***Car Care: How to pour oil***

Source: The FamilyMan website at [www.familyhandyman.com](http://www.familyhandyman.com) and [team-bhp.com](http://team-bhp.com)

#### Eliminate oil bottle “burps”!

Believe it or not, there’s a right way and a wrong way to pour oil from a plastic bottle into your car’s engine. By holding the container properly, you can actually eliminate those messy gurgles.

#### Bottle design 101

When performing an oil change, ever notice how oil bottles have an “off-center” spout? It’s designed that way to cut down on spills.

Most people think the spout should be on the bottom side of the bottle as you pour. That’s wrong. Because after just a few seconds in that position, the bottle will start to “burp” and spurt oil. (...all over your engine tins - the last thing your direct air heater needs. Ed.)



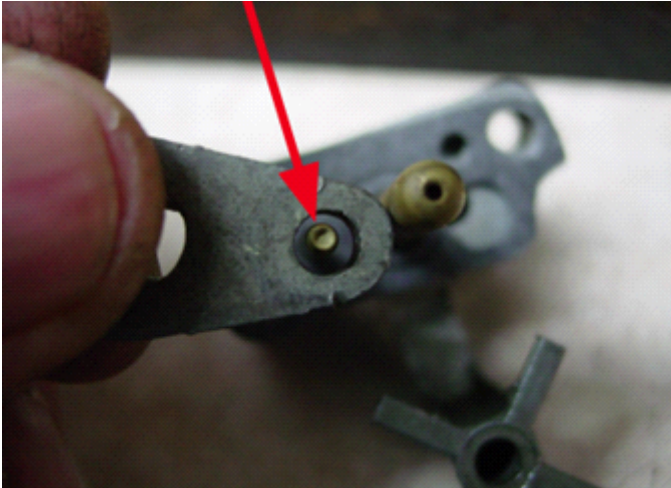
To eliminate the “glug, glug, spurt, spurt,” pour with the spout in the “up” position. Yes, that makes it harder to aim, but once you get going, you’ll have a smooth stream without any “glugging.”

### ***Carburetor Venturi Cluster Checks by Mike Dawson***

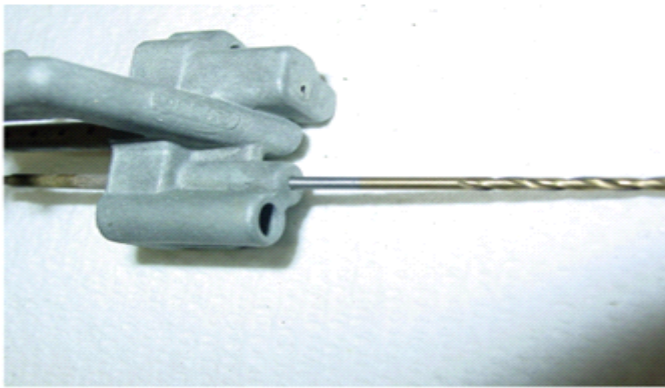
Source: March 2023 issue of VairCor, the official newsletter of the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association.

This is an article about Rochester Model H and HV 1 barrel carbs. It does not matter if they are 60 year old originals or potential reconditioned carburetors, the venturi clusters must be carefully cleaned, inspected and matched in order to maximize performance and mileage. This requires miniature drill bits for both cleaning and checking. They are available as sets, both in standard American and in Metric (under \$10), and I recommend you get both for a larger variety. You also

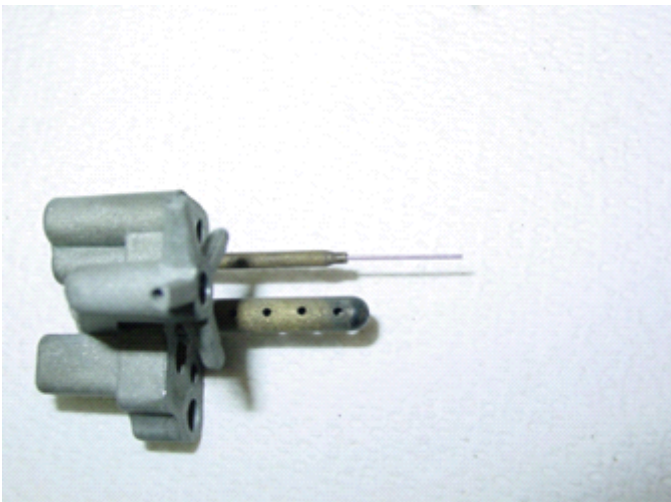
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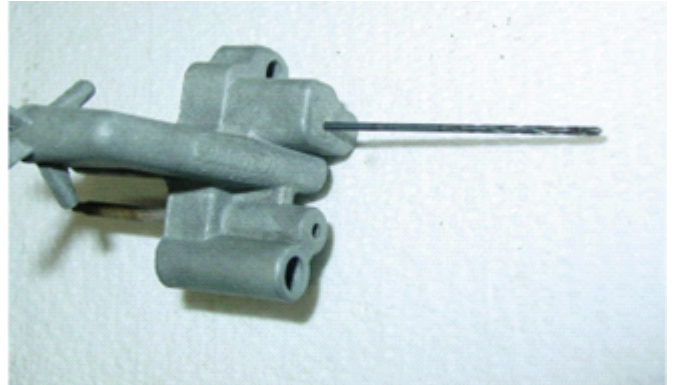
*This photo shows a plugged up idle pickup tube.*



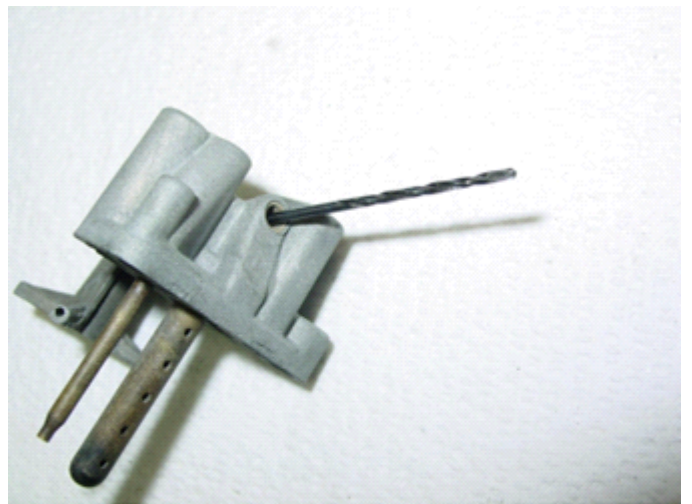
*Checking idle air bleed.*



*On the right you can see the size of the tube being checked with the shank of a miniature bit. The tubes range from .024-.029 for late models and 0.24-.032 for early models. Matching from side to side is essential for a good idle.*



*Checking main well air bleed.*



*Checking siphon breaker. It's a brass insert and should measure approximately 0.056.*



*Totally plugged discharge nozzles being cleaned with a #56 drill bit.*

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need American numbered bits (set 1-60) for air bleeds.

ACE Hardware does carry individual bits. These can also be used for drilling out metering jets. Use a micrometer to verify the shanks of the miniature bits for sizing and the flutes for cleaning.

There are different sizes for different years and engines which you can look up, but the main thing is that they match from side to side.

Be sure and straightedge the gasket surface and remember that the main well aluminum insert must be installed with the holes 90 degrees opposite the holes in the main well pickup tube.

The 1960 and 1961 models had some extra bleed holes and odd sizes which are listed (along with all of the above suggested specs) in Bob Helt's book on carburetors, available from Clark's.

You can also check PMS 35 & 36 in the Mike Dawson's Preventive Maintenance Series section of the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association website <http://www.hacoa.org/> On the home page, click on the "Technical" link among the Documents Library to start your search.



## ***Calendar of Local Car Events***

**LVCC-Sanctioned Events denoted with a check mark like this: ✓**

✓ Saturday April 15, 2023. LVCC Corvair Parts Swap Meet. Location: Egerton's Farm, 2510 Community Drive, Summit Station (Bath), PA 18014 Mark your calendar. Admission: Free. Price per table, if any, to follow. Contact John Egerton email address: [jegerton@ptd.net](mailto:jegerton@ptd.net)

Wednesday thru Saturday, 4/19/2023 thru 4/23/2023 Spring Carlisle Swap Meet  
Location: Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, PA 17013. Time: Wednesday through Saturday 7 AM to 6 PM; Sunday 7 AM to 12 PM. Admission price varies by day. While exploring the grounds and 8,100 vending spaces, you will marvel at one of the largest automotive swap meets in the world. Carlisle is the place to purchase any of the 2,000 vehicles at the car corral where you can slip behind the wheel and get a feel for the vehicle. <https://carlislepafairgrounds.com/project/spring-carlisle/>

✓ Sunday June 4, 2023 - GM on Display Car Show. Includes Corvair Class.  
Location: Macungie Memorial Park, 50 N. Poplar Street, Macungie, PA 18062. For details, email [macungiepark@gmail.com](mailto:macungiepark@gmail.com) or call (610) 966-4289

Saturday June 10, 2023. Fleetwood Show of Wheels Car Show  
Location: Fleetwood Community Park. Time: 8 AM to 4 PM. Day of show price: \$17. Food, entertainment, flea market, door prizes. Participant judging. 17 classes (but no Corvair class). Rubber Duck Race in the creek! Questions? Gary Eberly (484) 332-1056. [Garye@effectivegs.com](mailto:Garye@effectivegs.com)

Monday thru Friday, 6/12/2023 thru 6/16/2023 CORSA International Convention  
Location: Chula Vista Resort, 1000 Chula Vista Parkway, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. Dates: June 19th, 2023 12:00 AM through June 24th, 2023 12:00 AM. Booking Information for hotel rooms: Booking Code: i79431. Toll Free #: (844) 240-4922. Event registration to open soon (typically early April). [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org)

✓ Saturday June 24, 2023 – Drive-in Movie at Shankweilers  
Location: Shankweiler's Drive In Theatre, 4540 Shankweiler Rd, Orefield, PA 18069. Rain date: 6/25/22. Time to be an-

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nounced. Price will be standard admission price for the theater. Contact Larry Asheuer at a-lcorvair@msn.com or (267) 994-1569.

Sunday June 18, 2023 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Father's Day Rod Run

Location: Oley Fairgrounds, 477 Main Street, Oley, PA 19547. Time: Chinese Auction Games for all ages Raffles, Door Prizes 50-50 Drawing DJ 9 AM to approx. 3 PM. Rain or shine. Day of show price: \$15 per car. Open to all show cars and trucks. Vendor spaces available. Registration questions please call Rick @ 610-678-3948 or Fran @ 610-944-5515

Friday and Saturday, 6/23/2023 and 6/24/2023 GM at Carlisle Car Show & Swap Meet

Location: Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, PA 17013. Time: 7 AM to 6 PM. Bring your vehicle and join over 1,000 other participants at the Carlisle GM Nationals. All General Motors vehicles are welcome. \$50 registration fee includes weekend admission for the car, driver and passenger. To have your entry window sticker mailed to you, please register no later than May 9, 2023. <https://carlisleevents.com/events/events-detail/index?id=gm+nationals>

✓ Sunday, 8/4/2023 – 8/6/2023 Das Awkscht Fescht Club Day

Location: Macungie Memorial Park, 50 N. Poplar Street, Macungie, PA 18062. Gates for cars open from 8 AM to 12 PM each day. All vehicles welcome on Friday. Factory stock cars on Saturday. Car club on Sunday. To show your car, you must pre-register no later than July 1. Price: \$20 per car per day. Sunday is Club Day and LVCC will be there. Meet us in Corvair Row! For registration forms visit <https://awkscht.com/registration/>

Saturday August 12, 2023 1st State (Delaware) Corvair Car Show

Details to follow.

✓ Sunday September 2, 2023 Duryea Days Car Show & Museum Visit

Boyertown Museum's 57th Annual Duryea Days Car Show. Time: Price: Contact: <https://boyertownmuseum.org/duryea-day/>

Saturday, September 2, 2023 Calvary Car Show

Location: Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, 4891 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Rain date: Monday, September 4, 2023 (Labor Day). Here's a deal you don't see every day: FREE vehicle registration, FREE refreshments for all attendees and FREE activities for children. Pre-registration not mandatory but highly suggested for planning purposes. Contact Will Lockhart, No later than August 31, Will@cbfc.net, or (610) 678-5166

✓ Saturday September 16, 2023 Central PA Corvair Club's Corvair Day

Location: EMMR - 100 Baltimore Rd (US 15) York Springs, PA. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Mark your calendars for this day as Corvair enthusiasts throughout the region converge at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR). The day is filled with lots of fun, food, friends, and prizes! Additional details will be posted at a later date. Contact: [www.centralpacorvairclub.org](http://www.centralpacorvairclub.org)

Saturday September 16, 2023 Clark's Corvair Show.

Location Clark's Corvair Parts, 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Entry Fee: Not listed. Help celebrate our 50th year! We will be giving tours of our machine shop and upholstery department. Cal will also be giving a presentation on the expansion of our complex over the last 50 years. There will be prizes given away every hour. We will also be offering a 10% discount for cash orders and a 5% discount for Credit card orders- Clark's will cover all sales tax for orders placed at the show. Pre-orders are welcome. For upholstery orders we ask that you order 2-3 weeks ahead as each order is custom made! We will have a food truck on site..



## LVCC Classified Ads

**For Sale:** 1964 Spyder Coupe. Very solid body. All glass good. Factory sport steering wheel. 14" aluminum slot wheels. Drive train not installed but included in price is a complete 1965 turbo engine and a 1964 4-speed transaxle with 3:55 ratio. Price: \$5,000. Location: Bath, PA. Contact John Egerton. (610) 217-0514 jegerton@ptd.net

**Jeff Marvill's Suspension Services:** I have over 45 years of suspension experience and I'm extremely experienced with the Corvair suspension systems as well as all other makes of vintage cars. I also have a computerized alignment system here so all repairs can remain in house. Now that I'm retired, I have more available time to repair these great cars. I can be reached at 267-424-4911 .Jeff Marvill, Perkasié, PA

**A&L Corvair Parts:** New Parts: Brakes hoses, air filters, oil filters, tune-up parts, brake shoes, shocks, tail light lenses, gaskets, plugs, cables, choke pull offs, electrical switches, gas filters, caps, backup switches, suspension parts, engine bearings, valves, emblems, exhaust, turbo parts, patch panels, early bezels, head studs, 140 exhaust extractors, Y pipes, mufflers, fuzzies, clutch cables, lower bracket, heim joints, models, magazines, CORSA magazines, Hot Wheels, Racing Champions cars and much, much more. Contact Larry for pricing. Used Parts: Too many to list. Larry Asheuer Call 267-994-1569 or email: a-lcorvair@msn.com

**Sky King Automotive Services:** Now offering Corvair head work. Valve-seat grinding, Pro Flow grinding/ polishing, cleaning-cutting head gasket surfaces, de-flashing , thread repair. (I have measurement equip to confirm correct gasket surface depths). HV carb rebuilding. Top engine cover modifications for one gasket, no more leaks! Sound proofing interiors, gas tank replacements, as well as rear and front axle bearing units. Late rears in stock! Bob King kcorvair@ptd.net or text/call to 610-442-2873.

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***Mark your calendars for this one!***

*In lieu of our regular April meeting, we're having a swap meet!*

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club

# All-Corvair Swap Meet

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

rain or shine

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

at the Egerton Farm  
2510 Community Drive  
Bath, PA 18014

**FREE** for sellers

**FREE** for buyers

**FREE** admission

**FREE** parking

REFRESHMENTS (okay, they're not free)

50-50 Raffle (that's not free, either)

Corvairs, Corvair Parts, and Corvair-Related items only, please.

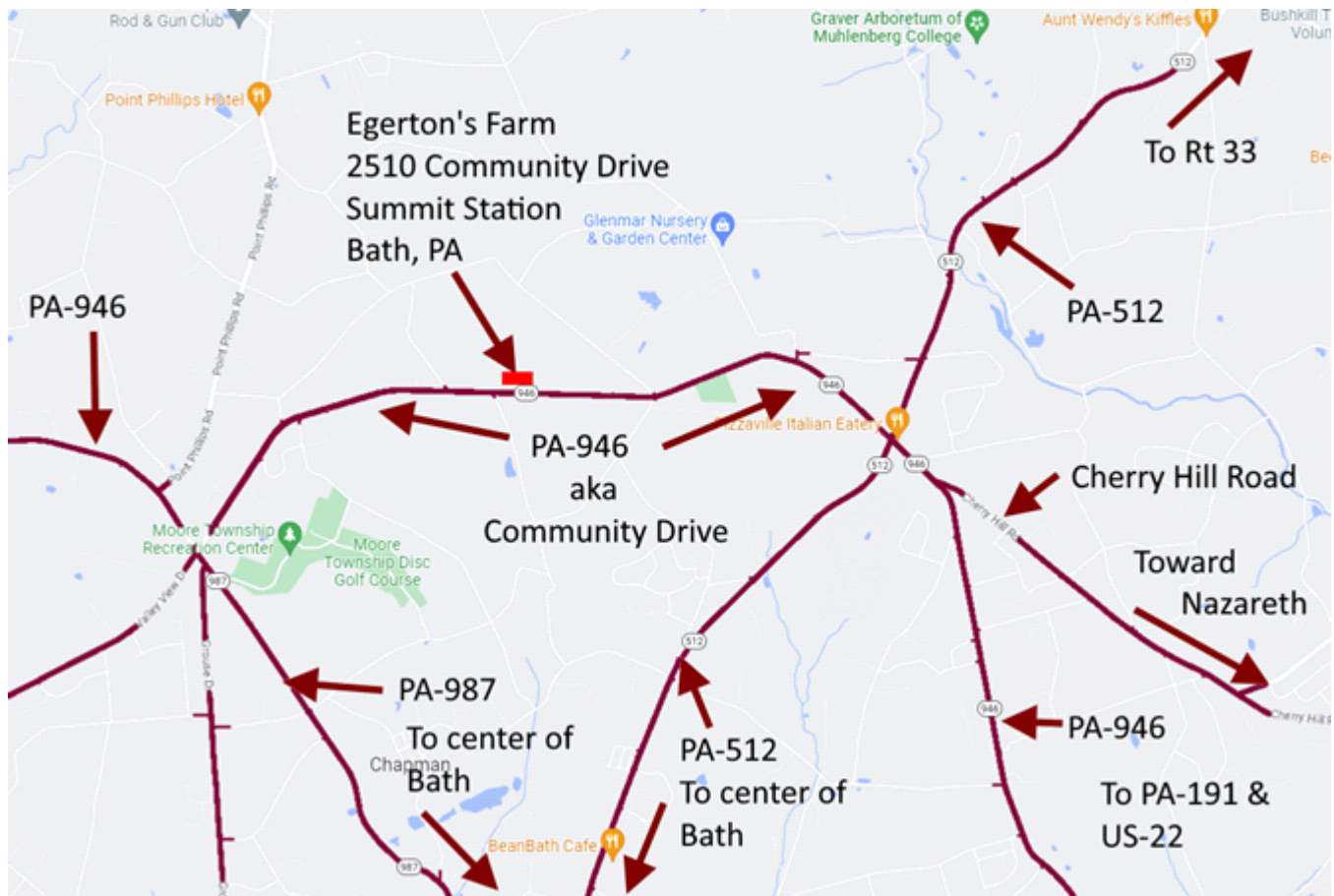
Sellers, bring your own tables or tarps or canopies.

Buyers, bring cash!

See our Facebook page for details  
Lehigh Valley Corvair Club



## ***Directions to the LVCC Swap Meet at Egerton's***



*The entrance to Egerton's farm comes up fast, but the usual LVCC banners will be there to show you the way.*